

REGENT THEATRE

ALLEGAN



The story of Allegan's Regent Theatre is one of tenacity, hard work, cooperation, and community spirit. Built in 1919 and renovated with Art Deco motifs during the 1930s, the Regent Theatre entertained Allegan theatergoers into the 1980s. Like many small town movie houses made obsolete by suburban multiplexes, the Regent faced demolition during the 1990s. Citizens rallied, a nonprofit organized, and money was raised to purchase and restore the building. In 1998, part way through the interior restoration, the roof caved in during a heavy rainstorm. The structure once again faced an uncertain future. Throughout the following decade the State Historic Preservation Office granted federal Historic Preservation Funds toward different aspects of the ongoing restoration project. In 2000 the city purchased the building and the community raised the majority of the money to replace the roof, restore the interior, and, most recently, relight the neon marquee. Citizens turned out en masse in the summer of 2007 for the relighting ceremony, celebrating the fact that the Regent Theatre is once again a hub of community activity.

Location:	211 Trowbridge Street
Project Contact:	City of Allegan
Original Use:	Theater
Current Use:	Theater
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